

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A coating composition for application on an ink jet printable porous substrate prior to imaging the substrate for improving the waterfastness of the ink jet image comprising from 0.5% to 10% by weight based on a 100% weight basis of an ethoxylated polyethyleneimine polymer from 1% to 3% by weight of a pH modifier ~~adapted~~ to maintain a pH on the printable porous substrate between 8.8 and 9.1, from 0.5% to 1% by weight of a thickening additive ~~adapted~~ to provide a viscosity ranging from about 50 cps to about 1000 cps, from 0.5% to 5% by weight of an electrolyte, from 0.05% to 0.5% by weight of a surfactant, and water.

2. (cancelled).

3. (cancelled).

4. (cancelled).

5. (original) A coating composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic and cationic surfactants.

6. (cancelled).

7. (cancelled).

8. (previously presented) A coating composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the surfactant comprises 0.3% by weight.

9. (original) A coating composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pH modifier comprises N,N-dimethylethanolamine.

10. (cancelled).

11. (cancelled).
12. (previously presented) A coating composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the N,N-dimethylethanolamine comprises 2% by weight.
13. (original) A coating composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the electrolyte comprises ammonium sulfate.
14. (cancelled).
15. (cancelled).
16. (cancelled).
17. (original) A coating composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a lower aliphatic alcohol.
18. (original) A coating composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a biocide.
19. (original) A coating composition as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an ultraviolet fluorescent dye.
20. (cancelled).

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added with these amendments.